

CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

1. A portable electronic device comprising:
 - a memory;
 - a data interface port communicatively coupled to the memory; and
 - a portable housing supporting the memory and data interface port,wherein the portable housing unit includes a locking retaining portion which in a first position facilitates insertion of an article for retaining the portable housing unit, and in a second position locks the portable housing unit to the article.
2. The device of claim 1 wherein the retaining portion is integral with the portable housing unit.
3. The device of claim 1 wherein the retaining clip is pivotally connected to the portable housing unit.
4. The device of claim 1 wherein the retaining clip comprises a carabineer clip.
5. The device of claim 1 wherein the portable electronic device comprises a digital camera.
6. The device of claim 1 wherein the portable electronic device comprises an audio device.
7. The device of claim 6 wherein the audio device comprises an MP3 player.
8. The device of claim 1 wherein the memory comprises a flash memory and wherein the data interface port comprises a universal serial bus (USB) interface.
9. The device of claim 1 wherein the locking retaining portion is removable from the housing.
10. The device of claim 9 wherein the locking retaining portion is configured as a protective cover for the data interface port.

11. A portable media device comprising:
 - an electronic unit including a data port; and
 - a housing configured to support the electronic unit, said housing including a locking retaining portion comprising a moving member having a first position for attaching the media device to a separate article and a second position for locking the media device to the article.
12. The media device of claim 11 wherein the electronic unit comprises a digital video device.
13. The media device of claim 12 wherein the digital video device comprises a digital camera.
14. The media device of claim 11 wherein the electronic unit comprises an audio device.
15. The media device of claim 14 wherein the audio device comprises an MP3 player.
16. The media device of claim 11 wherein the electronic device comprises a flash memory.
17. The media device of claim 11 wherein the locking retaining portion comprises a carabineer clip.

18. A portable media device comprising:
- a portable housing including a clip configured to lock the media device to a separate article;
 - a flash memory disposed in the housing;
 - a USB port coupled to the memory; and
 - a digital media device attached to said housing and coupled to the memory.
19. The device of claim 18 wherein the digital media device comprises one of a digital camera or an MP3 player.
20. The device of claim 18 wherein the clip comprises a carabineer clip.